

"yea" on rollcall vote 110, "yea" on rollcall vote 111, "yea" on rollcall 112, and "yea" on rollcall 113.

ROC PRESIDENT CHEN SHUI-BIAN
MAKES A BRIEF STOPOVER IN
NEW YORK

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 16, 2001

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, Republic of China President Chen Shui-bian will be making a goodwill tour of Latin American later this month and will be stopping briefly in New York. We welcome this distinguished visitor to New York and hope that he will come back to the United States more often.

Moreover, May 20th marks President Chen Shui-bian's first anniversary in office. Voters in Taiwan have given President Chen high approval ratings during his presidency. He has maintained a slow but steady economic growth, minimizing the impact of a worldwide economic slowdown on Taiwan's economy. Abroad, President Chen has been strengthening relations with allies and friends and continues to pursue a fruitful dialogue with leaders in the People's Republic of China. Due in part to President Chen's diplomatic efforts, peace continues to reign in the Taiwan Strait.

President Chen has also fortified Taiwan's relations with the U.S. Taiwan is the eighth largest trading partner of the United States. Taiwanese tourists and students all prefer the United States and spend their dollars here. Bilateral relations between Taiwan and the U.S. are excellent. Both countries share the same fundamental values of freedom, democracy, human rights, peace and prosperity.

I am pleased to express my congratulations to President Chen on his first anniversary in office and to wish him a pleasant and productive visit to my home state of New York.

EXPEDITING CONSTRUCTION OF
WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL IN
THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

SPEECH OF

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 15, 2001

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, on May 15, 2001 I cast a vote in error. On Rollcall vote No. 109 I voted "nay," when I should have voted "yea." This vote, on whether Congress should expedite the construction of the World War II Memorial on the Mall in Washington, D.C., was a very important vote not only for me, but for all the World War II veterans in my district including my father and father-in-law, and in our country.

Mr. Speaker, the mixup with my vote occurred because I thought we were voting on approving the previous day's minutes, commonly called the Journal Vote. This is usually the first vote of each day we are in session, and it is a vote I always vote "nay" upon be-

cause I never read the minutes and therefore am not in a position to approve them.

However, the first vote on Tuesday, May 15 was the vote on the World War II Memorial. Again, I want to emphasize that I should have and would have voted yes because our World War II veterans, who are passing away at a rate of 1,000 a day, deserve no less.

The National Capital Planning Commission and the Commission on Fine Arts are responsible for approving the design and location of the memorial. Since planning began in 1995, the commissions have held 22 public meetings between them, and each has voted to approve the memorial no less than five times. I strongly believe construction should be completed quickly so as many Americans as possible from the generation Tom Brokaw calls "the greatest" will be alive to receive the national tribute that every American owes to these brave veterans.

It is a shame that the planning of this memorial has taken longer than the actual war. It is time we honor these veterans with their own memorial.

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SPEECH OF

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 15, 2001

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member reluctantly voted against H.R. 1696 in the belief that the Congress should not intervene in the established procedures and legal requirements related to the siting of the National World War II Memorial on the National Mall and in a fashion that aborts any judicial proceedings regarding the Memorial's proposed characteristics, the administrative procedures, or the siting. This is especially necessary since the precise proposed location on the Mall and its design are so controversial. We certainly and emphatically do want to honor these veterans who served in World War II, "the Greatest Generation," when as many of them as possible are still alive, but Congress should not have intervened in the instance without appropriate hearings and in such an irregular manner.

ANNUAL CONGRESSIONAL ARTS
COMPETITION PARTICIPANTS
HONORED

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 16, 2001

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, once again, I come to the floor to recognize the great success of strong local school systems working with dedicated parents and teachers in raising young men and women. I rise today to congratulate and honor 30 outstanding high school artists from the 11th Congressional District of New Jersey. Each of these talented

students participated in the Annual Congressional Arts Competition, "An Artistic Discovery" and they are honored at a reception and exhibit in Madison, New Jersey. Their works are exceptional!

Mr. Speaker, I would like to list each of them, their high school, and their contest entries for the official RECORD.

We had 30 students participate. That is a tremendous response and we'd very much like to build on that for next year's competition.

This year, Mr. Speaker, the winner of "An Artistic Discovery" was Yuan Gao from Montville High School for the work entitled "Unfinished Drink." Second place went to Michael Lyons from Morris Knolls High School for "Colored." Third place went to Daniel I. Jedell from Montville High School for "Black Diamond Trail." The Viewer's Choice Award was given to Caroline from Wurster of Ridge High School for "While Visions of Sugar Plums Danced in Their Heads."

Honorable mentions were awarded to Peter Donahue of Morris Knolls High School for "The Spare Room," Matthew Schwartz from Morris Hills High School for "Morning Drive," Dominik Cymer from Ridge High School for "Abracadabra," Amy Nemeth from Boonton High School for "High School," Michael Hrynio from Dover High School for "Remember When," and Nelson Chen from Morris Knolls High School for "Life."

Excellent art work was also submitted by Tara Kreitter of the Academy of St. Elizabeth, untitled; Jenny Blankenship of Boonton High School, "Self Portrait;" Ashley Lamwers of Boonton High School, "Melting Pot;" Laura Schaffnit of Boonton High School, "The Rising Tide;" Brian Bernal of Dover High School, "Endless Garden;" Jose Santana from Dover High School, "Siempre Contigo;" Christopher Stefanski of Dover High School, "Winter Impression;" Jeffrey Gurwin of Livingston High School, untitled; Yaldi Kasani of Livingston High School, "My Life;" Amanda Long of Livingston High School, "A Reflective Moment;" Jackie Romola of Montville High School, "Self Portrait;" Melanie Elizabeth Walits of Montville High School, "Pieces of Me;" Jamie Allen of Morris Knolls High School, "Translucence;" Tim Quirino of Mount Olive High School, untitled; Katherine Aliprando of Ridge High School, "Mortal Mirror;" Richard Joneleit of Ridge High School, "Self Portrait;" Kea Alcock of West Morris Mendham High School, "Burnt Island" and "Curtain & Sunlight;" Tiffany Frazier of West Morris Mendham High School, "Shadows & Silent Water;" and Robert Lamb of West Morris Mendham High School, "Church in Contrast."

Each year the winner of the competition will have an opportunity to travel to our nation's capital to meet Congressional leaders and to mount his or her art work in a special corridor here at the U.S. Capitol, with winners from across the country. Every time a vote is called, I get a chance to walk through that corridor and am reminded of the vast talents of our young men and women.

Indeed, all of these young artists are winners, and we should be proud of their achievements so early in life.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating these talented young people from New Jersey's 11th Congressional District.